REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 May 1997
Name of applicant/court:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Video Unlimited (NZ) Ltd
Title of Publication:	The Streets of New York Volume #6
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Neville Chambers
Producer:	Neville Chambers
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	The Streets of New York Volume #6	Running time:	111.48
Trailers:	Copyright/Records Notice	Running time:	0.09
		Total Running time:	111.57

Excision/Alteration: Yes.

Reason(s) for Excision:

One excision is required to remove a scene in a video rental shop which presents as sexual and physical conduct of a degrading and dehumanising nature. The women in the scene are treated as a collection of body parts for the sexual titillation of the viewer. A man lifts the tops and skirts, or dresses, of four women exposing their breasts, buttocks, genitals and anuses to the camera. The man also spreads the women's buttocks and labia so the camera can depict their genitals and anuses in close focus. He talks over the women, about their sexual characteristics, while behaving this way.

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Five excisions are required to remove scenes that promote criminal activity. The scenes depict sexual activity in public places. Such activity is illegal under section 125 of the Crimes Act 1961 and section 27 of the Summary Offences Act 1981. The participants do not have the defence under New Zealand law that they have reasonable grounds for believing they would not be observed. The participants and the cameraman are aware that members of the public are in the vicinity, or are likely to be in the vicinity, of the sexual activity. The scenes take place on or near public footpaths, a parking area, and a derelict lot. The participants are either observed engaging in sexual activity or move to a different location because too many people are in the vicinity.

One excision is required to remove a scene that presents as sexual conduct of a degrading and dehumanising nature. A man attempts to insert a large arm-shaped dildo into a woman's anus with the aid of lubricant. The woman appears to be in discomfort during the sexual activity, which the man ignores. The man also converses with the cameraman about the sexual conduct. Both men present as being oblivious to the plight of the woman.

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Approved components of film after excision:

Feature:	The Streets of New York Volume #6	Running time:	69.14
Trailers:	Copyright/Records Notice	Running time:	0.09

Total Amended Running time: 69.23

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Nil

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on 20 May 1997

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

Not Applicable.

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